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Dear Dr. Bisplinghoff:

I note that the Agency's Space Intelligence Panel, chaired by Dr. Ramo, is now into its fourth year of operation. As one of our charter members, you may recall that we indicated at the start our intention to rotate the membership periodically -- both to limit the burdens imposed on the individual members and to allow for the introduction of new members with new approaches to our problems. We therefore feel that it is appropriate at this time to relieve you of this task, and at the same time to request your views as to the names of individuals we might contact as a replacement for you on the Panel.

I wish to convey my very sincere appreciation for your past services to us, and to pass along the thanks of Mr. Helms as well. All of us here feel that the work of the Space Intelligence Panel has significantly improved the credibility and precision of our estimates of foreign space programs.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Duckett

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